



LEGAL ANALYST OPEN - STATEWIDE CONTINUOUS TESTING



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IT IS THE OBJECTIVE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO ACHIEVE A DRUG-FREE STATE WORK PLACE. ANY APPLICANT FOR STATE EMPLOYMENT WILL BE EXPECTED TO BEHAVE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS OBJECTIVE BECAUSE THE USE OF ILLEGAL DRUGS IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE LAW OF THE STATE, THE RULES GOVERNING CIVIL SERVICE AND THE SPECIAL TRUST PLACED IN PUBLIC SERVANTS.

CONTINUOUS TESTING

The testing office will accept examination packets continuously. Testing is considered continuous as cut-off dates can be set at any time as needs warrant. Applications will be reviewed to ensure the minimum requirements for participation in this exam are met. Possession of the entrance requirements does not assure a place on the eligible list. Names of successful competitors will be merged into the list in order of final scores, regardless of test date. Once you have taken the Training and Experience Questionnaire examination, you may not retest for twelve (12) months from the established list date.

PARTICIPATING DEPARTMENTS

The following represents those departments participating in this examination and using the resulting eligible list to fill positions:

Department of Justice
Department of Social Services
Department of Health Care Services

Department of Water Resources
California Public Utilities Commission
Department of Motor Vehicles

FILING INSTRUCTIONS

All applicants must complete and return the entire examination packet. The examination packet must include the following:

- [State Examination Application \(Form STD 678\)](#)
- [Training and Experience Questionnaire](#)

Mailing Address

Department of Justice
Testing and Selection Unit
P.O. Box 944255
Sacramento, CA 94244-2550

File in Person:

Department of Justice
Testing and Selection Unit
1300 "I" Street, 1st Floor Lobby
Sacramento, CA 95814

DO NOT SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO THE STATE PERSONNEL BOARD, ONLINE, VIA INTER-AGENCY MAIL OR FAX.

RECRUITMENT SURVEY

As part of the application process, please follow [this web link](#) to complete a recruitment survey. If you are viewing this in paper form, visit the following website at www.aq.ca.gov/careers/exams.php

SPECIAL TESTING ARRANGEMENTS

If you are an individual with a disability and need reasonable accommodation to participate in this examination, please mark the box in question #2 on the "Examination Application". You will be notified in writing to determine what assistance can be provided.

SALARY RANGE

\$3841-\$4670

The salaries used in this bulletin are the latest available from the State Controller's Office, but may not reflect the most recent salary adjustment.

ELIGIBLE LIST INFORMATION

An open multi-departmental list will be established and used to fill vacancies at the departments listed on this bulletin. The names of successful competitors will be merged on the list in order of final scores, regardless of date. Competitors' eligibility will expire 18 months after it is established unless the needs of the service and conditions of the list warrant a change in this period.

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**REQUIREMENTS
FOR ADMITTANCE TO
THE EXAMINATION**

All applicants must meet the education and/or experience requirements by the announced cut-off date. All applications/resumes must include "To" and "From" employment dates (Month/Day/Year), time base, and applicable classification titles.

**MINIMUM
QUALIFICATIONS**

The following patterns may be combined proportionally, when applicable to meet the overall requirements.

EITHER I

EXPERIENCE: Two years of experience in the California state service performing the duties of a Legal Assistant. (Applicants who are within six months of satisfying the experience requirement for this class will be admitted to the examination, but they must fully meet the experience requirement before being eligible for appointment.)

AND

EDUCATION: Successful completion of **six (6) semester units** of paralegal or undergraduate legal courses, with at least **three (3) units** of which must be in legal research. (Candidates who have completed **three (3) semester units** of paralegal course work necessary to fulfill the education requirements will be admitted to the examination, but they must submit evidence of completion of the required **six (6) units** before they can be considered for appointment.)

OR II

EXPERIENCE: Two years of experience performing paralegal duties in a law firm, corporate law office, governmental or public law office, non-profit organization, educational institution, court, or other entity under the direction and supervision of a licensed attorney or judicial officer.

AND

EDUCATION: Twelve (12) semester units in a legal or paralegal curriculum or equivalent to graduation from college.

NOTE: A copy of your transcripts from the college or institute from which you obtained the required legal/paralegal course must be attached to your application. Competitors who fail to provide copies of transcripts will be eliminated from the examination.

**DEFINITION OF
TERMS**

The words "**performing the duties of...**" means the applicant must have the amount of experience in State service in the class specified (or on a training and development (T&D), limited term, or approved out-of-classes assignment to the class).

**POSITION
DESCRIPTION**

This is the journey analytical paralegal classification. Under the general supervision of an attorney who shall accept full responsibility for the tasks performed, the Legal Analyst investigates and analyzes facts and documents in connection with civil litigation; assists in criminal trial preparation by coordinating witnesses and processing subpoenas; coordinates with local law enforcement and judicial entities relative to ministerial problems; when delegated by the attorney, drafts interrogatories and responses to interrogatories; interviews witnesses, complainants and defendants concerning the facts of cases; drafts roughs of pleadings, complaints and motions for attorney review by the attorney; assists in the preparation of witness books and exhibit books; conducts historical research with regard to cases and by summarizing deposition transcripts; assists in administrative proceedings by preparing drafts of accusations and statements of issues; prepares legislative histories and follow-ups on legislative and regulatory files.

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**EXAMINATION
INFORMATION**

The examination will consist of a Training and Experience Questionnaire and is the sole component of the Legal Analyst examination. To obtain a position on the eligible list a minimum score of 70% must be received.

TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE QUESTIONNAIRE-WEIGHTED 100%

In addition to evaluating the competitor's relative abilities as demonstrated by quality and breadth of experience, emphasis in the Training and Experience Questionnaire process will be on measuring the following competencies:

- Reading and Comprehending
- Writing
- Analytical Reasoning
- Legal Research
- Case Documentation

**ADDITIONAL
REQUIREMENTS**

Under Section 432.7(e) of the Labor Code, **persons seeking employment with the Department of Justice** may be asked to disclose arrest or detention information regardless of whether or not the arrest or detention resulted in conviction, referral, or participation in diversion programs prior to appointment. Department of Justice regulations may require, as a minimum, pre-employment investigations consisting of fingerprinting; inquiry to local, State, and national files to disclose criminal records; verification of minimum qualifications (i.e., college transcripts); financial status; previous employment background; and personal interviews to determine applicant's suitability for employment.

**VETERANS
PREFERENCE
CREDITS**

Veterans Preference Credits will be added to the final score of all competitors who are successful in this examination and who qualify for, and have requested these points. Due to changes in the law, which were effective January 1, 1996, **VETERANS WHO HAVE ACHIEVED PERMANENT CIVIL SERVICE STATUS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE VETERANS' CREDITS.**

CAREER CREDITS

Career Credits do not apply in this examination.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

The Department of Justice reserves the right to revise the examination plan to better meet the needs of the service if the circumstances under which this examination was planned change. Such revision will be in accordance with civil service laws and rules and all candidates will be notified.

It is the Candidate's Responsibility to contact the Department of Justice, (916) 324-5039, TDD (916) 952-8396 three days prior to the written test date if he/she has not received his/her notice.

For an examination without a written feature it is the candidate's responsibility to contact the Department of Justice, (916) 324-5039, TDD (916) 952-8396 three weeks after the final filing date if he/she has not received a progress notice.

If a candidate's notice of oral interview or performance test fails to reach him/her prior to the day of the interview due to a verified postal error, he/she will be rescheduled upon written request.

Applications are available at the State Personnel Board Offices (www.spb.ca.gov), and local Offices of the Employment Development Department (www.edd.ca.gov).

If you meet the requirements stated on the reverse, you may take this examination, which is competitive. Possession of the entrance requirement does not assure a place on the eligible list. Your performance in the examination described on the other side of this bulletin will be compared with the performance of the others who take this test, and all candidates who pass will be ranked according to their scores.

Examination Locations: When a written test is part of the examination, it will be given in such places in California as the number of candidates and conditions warrant. Ordinarily, interviews are scheduled in Sacramento, San Francisco, and Los Angeles. However, locations of interviews may be limited or extended as conditions warrant.

Eligible Lists: Eligible lists established by competitive examination, regardless of date, must be used in the following order: 1) sub divisional promotional, 2) departmental promotional, 3) multi departmental promotional, 4) service wide promotional, 5) departmental open, 6) open. When there are two lists of the same kind, the older list must be used first. Eligible lists will expire in from one to four years unless otherwise stated on this bulletin.

General Qualifications: Candidates must possess essential personal qualifications including integrity, initiative, dependability, good judgment, and ability to work cooperatively with others; and a state of health consistent with the ability to perform the assigned duties of the class. A medical examination may be required. In open examinations, investigation may be made of employment records and personal history and fingerprinting may be required.

Interview Scope: If an interview is conducted, in addition to the scope described on the other side of this bulletin, the panel will consider education, experience, personal development, personal traits and fitness. In appraising experience, more weight will be given to the breadth and recency of pertinent experience and evidence of the candidate's ability to accept and fulfill increasing responsibilities than to the length of his/her experience. Evaluation of a candidate's personal development will include consideration of his/her recognition of his/her own training needs; his/her plans for self-development; and the progress he/she has made in his/her efforts toward self-development.

Veterans Preference: California law limits the granting of veterans preference credits to entrance examinations. When credit is granted it is as follows: 10 points for veterans, widows or widowers of veterans and spouses of 100% disabled veterans; and 15 points for disabled veterans. Directions for applying for veterans preference are on the Veterans Preference application form which is available from State Personnel Board offices or written test proctors.

High School Equivalence: Equivalence to completion of the 12th grade may be demonstrated in any one of the following ways: 1) passing the General Education Development (GED) Test; 2) completion of 12 semester units of college-level work; 3) certification from the State Department of Education, a local school board, or high school authorities that the candidate is considered to have education equivalent to graduation from high school; or 4) for clerical and accounting classes, substitution of business college work in place of high school on a year-for-year basis.

Career Credits: In open, nonpromotional examinations, career credits are granted to: 1) State employees with permanent civil service status, 2) full-time employees of the State who are exempt from State civil service pursuant to the provisions of Section 4 of Article VII of the California Constitution, and who meet all qualification requirements specified by the Board and have 12 consecutive months of service in an exempt position, and 3) individuals who have served one full year in, or are graduates of, the California Conservation Corps (eligibility shall expire 24 months after graduation from the California Conservation Corps). Three points are added to the final test score of those candidates who meet the above criteria, and who are successful in the examination. Such examinations cannot be for managerial positions described in Government Code Section 3513. Competitors not currently employed in State civil service who have mandatory reinstatement rights may also be eligible for career credits, but they must explain their civil service status in the appropriate section of the application Form 100-678. (Section 4 of article VII of the California Constitution is posted at the State Personnel Board, 801 Capitol Mall, Sacramento.)

If hearing impaired, call the California Relay Service.

1-800-735-2929 (From TDD Phone)

1-800-735-2922 (From Voice Phone)

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